

(b) No, Sir. However, National Seeds Corporation holds shares in 10 State Seeds Corporations.

(c) National Seeds Corporation have not provided any financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh Seed Corporation.

Foodgrain Production in Goa

4805. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the foodgrain production in Goa during each of the last three years, grain-wise;

(b) the area under these crops during the above period;

(c) whether the yield per hectare compares favourably with the national average; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The foodgrain production in Goa during the last three years, grain-wise, is as under:-

<i>Crop</i>	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>
Rice	129.2	138.0	145.0
Ragi	3.3	3.8	3.8
Total foodgrains	132.5	141.8	148.8

(b) The area under the above crops in Goa during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are as under:-

(^{'000} hectares)

<i>Crop</i>	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>
Rice	53.6	53.7	53.5
Ragi	3.5	3.6	3.7
Total area under foodgrains	57.1	57.3	57.2

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) although yield per hectare of foodgrains in Goa is much above the national average, yet various developmental measures are under implementation in Goa to further raise the yield per hectare.

Development of Agriculture in Goa

4806. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agriculture Research have under taken several research work in Goa for development of agriculture in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated to the Research Institutions in Goa during 1991-92; and

(d) the amount utilised by them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Research on major field crops, horticultural and plantation crops and livestock including poultry and fisheries is in progress. Varieties like Annada Rice, CO 7527 sugar cane, C 152 cowpea, JL 24 groundnut, venguralal & 4 cashew nut, Amarpali mango, Coorg Honey Dew, papaya Arka Abhaya